







**Silent night** — Mrs. Morgan's fifth graders from Wilson School signed silent night to the audience at their Christmas show. They were taught by the school's special education

teacher, Mrs. Coracy. Above, Thomas Ramey, dressed as a toy soldier, marches up on the stage with the kindergarten's sign.

## Crowds turn out Weather can't deter shoppers

By Mark Hodapp  
Staff writer

'Twas the day after Christmas, and many people were shopping at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights. "I usually go shopping the day after Christmas to pick up Christmas cards and wrapping paper," said Reba Vaught of Millstadt. Vaught wasn't the only person who came to the mall looking for post-Christmas bargains. Michele Sullivan of Virginia purchased several Christmas ornaments for her children. "This is a family tradition," she said. But Sullivan said she was surprised by the large turnout because of the morning's snowy weather. "This is crazy," she said. While the weather may have kept some people away from shopping, it didn't stop Jim Thomas of Pickneyville. "I'm just along for the ride," said Thomas, who took his two granddaughters and wife shopping. "I'm the chauffeur." His granddaughters came to shop and return some items. That is the very reason why Jean Kosten of Edwardsville went shopping. "It's just a necessity, I guess," she said. Meanwhile, John Irwin of O'Fallon waited on a bench while his two daughters and wife shopped. Irwin said he decided to come shopping because he wanted to spend the day with his family. In addition, Irwin provided the financial support that his

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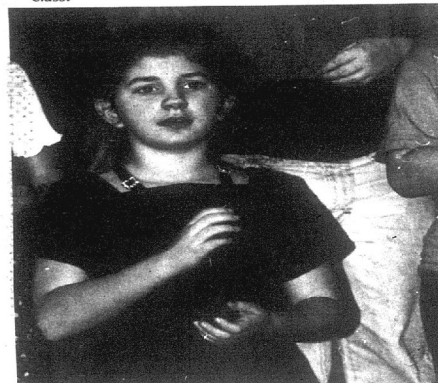
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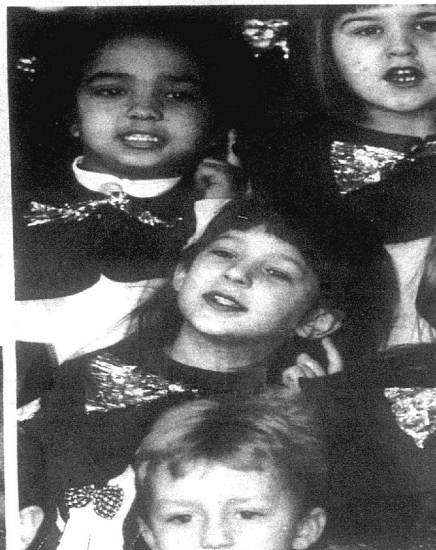
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Kindergartners Kate Meyer and Emily Sirco play march of the wooden soldiers on a pair of sticks along with their class.



Wilson fifth grader Danielle Carr signs Silent Night with her class.



Brittany Sheppard, top left, Kayla Beasley, top right, Maciee Wallace, center, and Brandon Wallace, bottom, sing in the kindergarten pageant at Wilson School.



Chelsea Nicol, left, sings a solo song in the Wilson School kindergarten class's Christmas show.

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A \$750,000 grant to the SIUE Police in Illinois until a grant from holiday budget. Sam Smith, a Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is trying to get the Department of Transportation to grant, which would add 10 officers. The university has no plans to add officers, he said. "We are in a Department, and haven't decided to do. We will be won't be back up will not likely be time." The university's \$750,000 grant in 1994 from the department officers. Smith said the requested so the bring its force to after resignation previous years. University of new grant Tuesday was a misundere did not believe been awarded. confirmed Tuesday office of Sen.-elect D-Springfield. Justice Department Charles Miller officials did apply August but may mistakenly. He Department sent to each police station.

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# SIUE ponders fate of police grant

## Decision in limbo until after holidays

A \$750,000 grant unexpectedly given to the SIUE Police Department may sit in limbo until university officials return from holiday break.

Sam Smith, a spokesman for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, said university officials are trying to determine why the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the grant, which would help SIUE police add 10 officers.

The university Police Department has no plans to expand its force of 29 officers, he said.

"We are in contact with the Justice Department, and, to be honest, we haven't decided what we are going to do. We will be going on break and won't be back until Jan. 2. A decision will not likely be made before that time."

The university received an identical \$750,000 grant in December 1995 as part of the 1994 crime bill, which enabled the department to hire 10 additional officers.

Smith said the 1996 grant was requested so the department could bring its force back to its full capacity after resignations and retirements in previous years.

University officials, notified of the new grant Tuesday, initially said it was a misunderstanding and that they did not believe additional money had been awarded. However, the grant was confirmed Tuesday by the Chicago office of Sen.-elect Richard Durbin, D-Springfield.

Justice Department spokesmen Charles Miller said SIUE police officials did apply for a grant in August but may have done so mistakenly. He said the Justice Department sends verification letters to each police agency to establish a

payment schedule.

"It's possible they confused the application with a verification letter," he said. "But I have a copy of the application that was sent back to us in August and it was signed by the chief. It states clearly on the form that it is a request for additional officers."

Miller said the request was signed by SIUE Police Chief Charles McLeod and that an additional request, sent to the Justice Department in September, was signed by a university vice president.

"If they do not want the money, or if they only desire a percentage of it, that's fine," he said. "They have 45 days to decide. If they choose to refuse it, they can apply later. It will in no way hinder their future chances of applying for or receiving grant money."

Miller said the department was aware the university had received a similar \$750,000 grant less than one year before. He said the department trusts that police agencies' requests are legitimate.

"It's our goal to put officers on the streets," he said. "If an agency says it needs 10 officers, we trust that they do. Each agency knows its community better than we do and we take their word for it when a request is made."

The grant would provide 75 percent of an officer's salary and benefits for three years. The receiving agency is required to make up the remaining 25 percent and is not allowed to lay off the officers hired through the grant when the grant expires.

"It is a financial responsibility, and that is why we trust the requests," he said.

— From The Telegraph



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

**Merry Christmas** — Mayor Ron Selph, left, stands among some of the 433 gifts collected at the annual Mayor's Christmas Party. Admission to the party was one gift valued at \$10 or more. The gifts, designated for children, were then donated to various local charities. Also pictured from left are: Sheri Hensley and Angela Evans, Catholic Charities; Lisa Tolbert, St. Elizabeth Medical Center; Cathy Cox, Catholic Charities; James Faulkner, Protestant Welfare; and David Williams, Granite City Optimist Club.

# An icy day after Christmas

## Treacherous roads catch motorists by surprise

An icy morning rush hour jammed the roads of Madison County Thursday as people began returning to work after the Christmas holiday.

Traffic in the Godfrey area was slowed to a crawl by more than 15 accidents, most of which happened along Godfrey Road, said Sgt. Michael Strong of the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Another problem area was Illinois Route 143 between Alton and Edwardsville, which was closed at Kendall hill between 8 and 9 a.m.

"There was a minor fender-bender on the hill, and cars that slowed down for the accident could no longer make it up the hill," Strong said.

Traffic backed up on Route 143 for more than a half-mile because of the closure. Several other area roads were closed for brief periods until salt trucks could arrive.

Sleet started falling shortly before rush hour, surprising motorists and street crews alike. Strong said the Sheriff's Department 911 answering center took more than 100 weather-related traffic calls from motorists Thursday morning.

About 80 of the calls were transferred to Illinois State Police, which handled numerous emergencies on local highways.

"We had calls all over the district," a State Police spokesman at Collinsville said, citing at least 50

calls from winter driving conditions.

"It was better a few hours after rush hour, but it was bad all over," she said.

State Police in Litchfield handled about 10 minor accidents early Thursday and helped several dozen drivers who slid into the I-55 median.

"The snow started at 6 a.m., the rain and sleet at 6:15 a.m., and the accidents at 6:30 a.m.," Trooper Douglas Francis said. State Police called out the salt truck crews a few minutes later.

"I think the rain and snow surprised everybody, and it was just enough to make everything very slick," he said.

— From The Telegraph

# Caution

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"If you come across a car with a driver who is acting erratically, don't try and overtake that vehicle," Ryan said. "It could mean the difference between life and death."

Last year, nearly two-thirds of the 14 deaths that occurred on Illinois highways over the three-day New Year's weekend were linked to alcohol use. On Illinois roads, 64 percent of New Year's Day fatalities in 1995 were alcohol-related.

During 1995 as a whole, 43 percent of Illinois traffic fatalities resulted from alcohol-impaired driving. Nationally, 55 percent of the 124 New Year's traffic deaths were alcohol-related.

Bi-State buses, the Madison County Transit District and MetroLink will be offering free rides on New Year's Eve to help revelers get home safely.

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## Obituaries

## Buster Goodwin

Buster D. Goodwin, 61, of Granite City died at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City. He was born March 8, 1905, in Harrisburg.

Mr. Goodwin retired in 1974 from Illinois Terminal Railroad after 33 years as an engineer. He was a member of Heddinghaus United Methodist Church, Granite City; Masonic Lodge No. 877, and the Shriners.



Survivors include three daughters, Kay Green of Granite City, Billie Townsend of Nashville, Tenn., and Betty Phillips of Greenville, S.C.; one sister, Eudine Peterson of Farmington Beach, Fla.; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva L. (Gillie) Goodwin, who died September 11, 1994; his parents, Levi and Emma (Seagraves) Goodwin; one brother, Clifford Goodwin; and one sister, Phyllis Stevens.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City with the Rev. K. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar, Granite City.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3800 Maryville Road, Granite City.

**Anna Hartzel**

Anna L. (Cripps) Hartzel, 78, of Granite City died at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in Granite City. She was born May 24, 1918, in Jackson County.

Survivors include two sons, Lyle Hartzel of Granite City and Gary Hartzel of Troy; two daughters, Jane Ellis of Granite City and Mary Hartzel of Colona; one brother, Phillip Cripps of Oswego; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, George Lyle Hartzel, whom she married June 13, 1936, in Thales, and who died Jan. 11, 1993; her parents, Rosa W. and Ethel (Norton) Cripps; and a sister, Helen Hopper.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3800 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. William Davis officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Kidney Foundation.

**Ruby Kennerly**

Ruby Jane Kennerly, 84, of Granite City died at 12:09 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born June 13, 1912, in Ebersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Kennerly retired June 30, 1974, as owner of Jane's Beauty Shop. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, active in the Sunday school and afternoon guild.

Survivors include a brother, David Thomas of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Esie Kennerly, whom she married Oct. 19, 1935, and who died in 1972; her parents, Thomas George Sr. and Ruby (Evans) Thomas; a sister, Elizabeth Petr; and one brother, Thomas George Thomas Jr.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Irwin Chapel, 3800 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Walter Martinez officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki, Granite City.

**Violet Nickell**

Violet E. (Bloodworth) Nickell, 95, of Granite City died at 4:06 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born May 26, 1901, in Charleston, Mo.

Mrs. Nickell retired from St. Elizabeth Medical Center after serving 15 years as a licensed practical nurse. She was a member of Cayuga Temple.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel Thues Nickell, whom she married July 3, 1935; four daughters, Nona Reynolds of Granite City, Mary Elmore of Carbondale, Kay Greenhill of Moro, and Naomi Barker of Des Moines; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Sue Nickell; her parents, Ira and Lulu Dean (Minner) Bloodworth; three brothers, David, James, and Joe Bloodworth; two half-brothers, Louis and Chubby Minner; a half-sister, Gladys Roper; and a great-granddaughter, Toni Rae Lucas.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at Paradise Cemetery, Lyon County, Ky., with the Rev. K. Brand officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3839 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

**Gracie Morgan**

Gracie L. (Moss) Morgan, 95, of Granite City died at 7:02 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Jan. 4, 1901, in Hettie, Va., resided in Chillicothe, Ohio, for 10 years, and was a Granite City resident for 22 years.

Mrs. Morgan retired from the Veterans' Administration Hospital after 25 years as a dietitian. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and the Afternoon Guild and the Quilters.

Survivors include two brothers, Oscar Moss of Middletown, Ohio, and Earl Moss of Parkman, Ohio; a sister, Lena McCullough of Newton Falls, Ohio; and her caregivers, Barbara W. Hertz (son-in-law) both of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William R. and Christina (Cole) Moss; one son, Arley Morgan; a daughter, Ada Singleton; one brother, Marvie Moss; and two sisters, Cote Simmons and Sarah Kinney.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City, with the Rev. Walter Martinez officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City.

**Herbert Rice**

Herbert S. Rice, 61, of Granite City died at 1:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Gipsy, Mo.

Mr. Rice retired from Shell Oil in Wood River after 17 years as a machinist. He was a Korean War Air Force veteran and a member of the Venice Social Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Presley) Rice, whom he married March 24, 1972; a son, Larry Charles of Granite City; three daughters, Kimla Martin and Heather Rice, both of Granite City, and Debra Watson of Alton; a sister, Imogene West of Gipsy, Mo.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Raymond and Irene Elizabeth (Meador) Rice; and his grandparents, Tony and Maude Meador.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. today, Sunday, until services begin at 7:30 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3800 Maryville Road, Granite City. Graveside services will be held at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. The Rev. Phil Warren will officiate at the services.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or Shriners Hospital.

**Leon Streif**

Leon F. Streif, 63, of Granite City, formerly of Lebanon, died at 2:12 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, at St. Louis University Medical Center. He was born Nov. 24, 1933, in Lebanon.

Mr. Streif was CEO and owner of Vandellia Bus Lines Inc. of Caseyville. He started as a mechanic and driver for Bi-State in Lebanon, bought his first school bus in 1962, and then acquired several bus companies in the

Metro Area including Vandellia Bus Lines Inc. He was a member of Lebanon Lions Club, Lebanon Singers Club, Knights of Columbus Council in Trenton, Granite City Elks Club, and the Moose Lodge in Bradenton Beach, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Judy (Berg) Streif, whom he married June 14, 1967, in Lebanon; four sons, Gregory Streif of Louisville, Ky., Dale Streif of Belleville, Dennis Streif of Canton, Miss., and Roger Streif of Taylorville; two daughters, Peggy Hoch of Mobile, Ala., and a son, David Streif of Belleville.

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## •Banks

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Michael Ancell of Edward Jones investment firm said Mercantile expected to close 50 Roosevelt branches.

Local Roosevelt employees said the announcement caught them off guard. One Metro East facility was informed by fax.

"We were totally shocked," said one Roosevelt employee, who requested anonymity. "We basically know what was said on the news."

Another employee expressed optimism: "It's supposed to be a good thing. (Mercantile) is pretty strong."

The four area Roosevelt branches are: 2410 State St. in Alton, 111 W. Main St. in Staunton, 1825 Delmar Ave. in Granite City and 1529 Johnson Road in Granite City.

Ancell said buyouts would probably continue as competition grows.

"The smaller banks are going to have to find a big brother or really get lean and mean on their own to be competitive, because Mercantile and NationsBank both are going to go after business customers with a vengeance."

"It's going to be tough for the small or mid-size banks to compete."

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ALTON — The holidays can be the time for lots of joy and cheer, but some people find that Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's also can add up to several pounds of seasonal spread.

Registered dietitian Tina Bergfield said while many folks pack on as much as eight or 10 pounds between November and January, it doesn't have to be that way. "It is not hopeless," said

Bergfield, who works at St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. "It's all in how you prepare things."

Bergfield said the caloric count of a traditional holiday dinner featuring roast turkey, baked dressing and all the trimmings can rack up a whopping 5,000 calories. Making a few simple adjustments to the ingredients used in some of the dishes can drop that number to around 2,000.

"Using low-fat or nonfat ingredients can save you a lot," Bergfield said. "Instead of cooking the traditional way, substitute two egg whites for one whole egg, use reduced-fat margarine if something calls for butter and buy nonfat gravy in jars. I used it for Thanksgiving, and it's pretty good."

Bergfield said studies have shown that people eat more

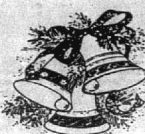
when they're in a group setting, so it's only natural to do what we do during the holidays.

"That's what Christmas is all about," she said. "One way to watch your weight may seem counter-productive, but it's not. If you know you're going to a party where there's lots of food, eat a meal before you go," she said. "That way you won't be hungry and overeat while you're there."

Also, watch alcohol intake. "There are lots of calories in alcohol, especially in mixed drinks that use juice and soda." Consider replacing that one cup of spiced eggnog with rum with 7 ounces of white wine, saving yourself more than 300 calories.

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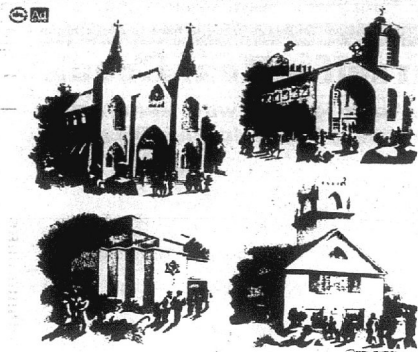
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"I'm 96. When I was four years old, I got a pocket knife. It was a little tin one. My friend told me if I buried it in a pile of sand that we played in, that it would make a bunch of little ones (knives). So like a silly kid, I did. Later I wanted it so I went out to dig it up. There was no knife or no little ones either. Later my dad went to my friend's house and got my knife back. My family left Alley Springs, Mo., on Aug. 1, 1917, and arrived in Kansas the first week in October in a covered wagon."



**Mildred Lee Miller, Granite City**  
"I'm 92. When I was very young I used to visit my grandparents in the country (Pike County, Mo.). Those are some of my fondest memories. They had a big white farm house. They farmed everything, and had a grape arbor, corn, almost everything. We always had firecrackers on Christmas, not just the 4th. We also had raisins on a stem that you don't see today."



**Mary Nelson, Granite City**  
"I'm 92. I was born and raised in Madison. I played hide-and-go-seek, that was our favorite game. There were a lot of neighborhood kids. I got married very young; I wasn't quite 17 years old. At our wedding, we had a great band and danced a lot."



**Mildred Bryant, Granite City**  
"I'll be 90 in less than a month. When I was just a little girl I went to a Sunday School play. I was about 4 years old. I wasn't in the play so my mom made me a beautiful flowered silk dress. That was about 1911, a long time ago."



**Teresa Pearman, Granite City**  
"I don't want to tell my age. I was born in Kentucky. My childhood was fun. I remember when my brother and I fought taking the trash to the barn. We had hogs and cows. We also raised tobacco and I had to pick worms off the leaves."

## Stop smoking program will begin Jan. 6

The American Lung Association and Memorial Hospital will sponsor a "Freedom from Smoking" clinic to help smokers join with other to quit their habit.

The three-session clinic will begin Monday, Jan. 6, with an orientation. All classes are from 7 to 8 p.m. and will be held in the West Dining Room of the hospital.

Weight control, relaxation, and identifying triggers to smoke are key elements in the Freedom from Smoking Program.

Cost for the program is \$30 and enrollment is limited. To register, call Memorial Hospital's Community Relations office at 257-5649.

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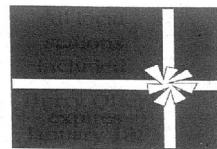
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Memorial Hospital will sponsor an eight-week weight loss program called Project Trim, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9 through Thursday, Feb. 27, in the hospital auditorium. Project Trim, a weight loss program developed by the St. Louis Dietetic Association, is taught by one of Memorial Hospital's registered dietitians. The class includes information on

meal planning, exercise, behavior modification, tips for a healthy heart, stress/relaxation and dining out. To enhance Project Trim, an exercise component which includes low impact aerobics and a two-month membership to the Belleville Health and Sports Center is also offered. The aerobics class is held on Saturday mornings. The fee for Project Trim is \$50. The exercise program is an additional \$30. To register for the program, just send your name, address and telephone number along with the registration fee to: Memorial Hospital, "Project Trim" Community Relations office, 4500 Memorial Hospital, Belleville, Ill. 62226. For information, call the Community Relations office at 257-5649. Memorial Hospital is a 341-bed full-service acute care nonprofit health care institution.

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## Obituaries

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Ala. and Melissa Joette of Caseyville, three stepdaughters, Deanna Kauchner of Collinsville, and Lori Stevens and Norma Jean, both of Caseyville; four brothers, Linus, Leland, and Edward Stiefel all of Lebanon, and William Stiefel of O'Fallon; two sisters, Lillian Marie of Ballwin and Elizabeth of St. Louis; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Myrtle (Friedrich) Stiefel; a son, Earl Stiefel; one sister, Charlene; and a brother, Edward. Services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at St. Joseph Church in Lebanon with the Rev. James Hargason officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Lebanon.

Memorials are suggested to the Lebanon Lions Club.

### Donald Zaricor

Donald Joe Zaricor, 61, of Pontoon Beach, formerly of Columbia, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Nov. 2, 1935, in Union City, Tenn.

Mr. Zaricor was employed as a truck driver for Beelman Trucking Co. of St. Louis. He was a member of the Catholic Church, No. 423, Masonic Lodge No. 1030 of Cahokia, Aired Temple in East St. Louis, and the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Southern Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie (Emerson) Zaricor; three sons, Joe Zaricor of Millstadt, Tony Zaricor of Marissa, and Timmy Zaricor of Corpus Christi, Texas; two brothers, Herb Zaricor of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Odell Zaricor of Corpus Christi, Texas; a stepson, Jack Houseman of Council Bluffs, Iowa; a stepdaughter, Terry Rohr of Columbia; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Owen Oscar and Willie Mae (McDonnell) Zaricor. Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Lawlor-Mueller Chapel, 218 S. Metter, Columbia, with the Rev. William Groenert officiating. Burial was in Evangelical St. Paul Cemetery, Columbia.

### Earl Hoxsey

Earl W. Hoxsey, 74, of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996. He was born May 28, 1922, in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Imogene (Adams) Hoxsey; a son, Scott Hoxsey; three sisters, Dorothy Baldwin, Ruby Arnette, and Grace Robinson; and two brothers, Edwin Hoxsey of Granite City and Howard Hoxsey. Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Kutis Funeral Home, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

### Joseph Aphorpe

Joseph F. Aphorpe, 75, of Granite City, died at 7:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Aug. 11, 1921, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Aphorpe retired in 1981 from Monsanto in Sauget after 35 years as an insulator. He was of the Pentecostal faith. Survivors include his wife, Doris (Bailinger) Aphorpe, whom he married April 29, 1951; a daughter, Nancy Heli Granite City; a sister, Doris Odey of Collinsville; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Sophia (Neht Alms) Aphorpe.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Calvary Pentecostal Church, 2118 S. Morrison, Collinsville, with the Rev. Terry Russell officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

### Bertram Ahrens

Bertram W. Ahrens, 68, of Granite City, died at 1:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

### Shoppers

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family needed — a credit card. "(So far) they have only hit me a couple times," he said.

Store officials reported mixed results. Shirley Barbe, a salesperson at Lundstrom Jewelers, reported a brisk business. "We are usually busy the day after Christmas," she said.

Other area shopping areas saw a heavy turnout for the traditional day-after-Christmas sales.

At Alton Square, shopping center manager Bob Hardy said vehicular traffic may have been dangerous, but that was nothing compared to what he saw when he arrived at work.

"It was frenzied," Hardy said. "The department stores opened earlier than usual, and people were lined up outside the storefronts waiting to take advantage of the sales. I'll bet Kirtin's Hallmark had about 100 people waiting for their sale."

Hardy said shoppers spent about 2.2 percent more at the mall this season than they did last year. Stores like Bath and Body Works, Rex and Gordon's Jewelers did particularly well, he said.

For Dec. 26, the numbers were even higher. "Our security people are telling us traffic is up 17 percent as compared to 1995. It's been a nice, steady flow," Hardy said.

By mid-afternoon at the Target store in Alton, customers were lined up in all but three of the 14 checkout lanes.

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Center in Granite City. He was born Dec. 1, 1928, in St. Louis.

Mr. Ahrens retired in 1994 from Horn Trucking after five years as a traffic controller. He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Ochoa of Troy, and Patricia Barker and Debra Mathenia, both of Granite City; one son, Michael Ahrens of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one sister, Gail Hartman of Evansville, Ind.; two brothers, Roger Ahrens of Richardson, Texas, and Wayne Ahrens of Fullerton, Calif.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bertram H. and Hulda (Winnik) Ahrens; and a sister, Bernadine Ahrens.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Warner Chapel for Funerals, 3530 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

### Bertha Logan

Bertha (Lara) Logan, 81, of Venice died at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Jan. 5, 1915, in Laredo, Texas.

Mrs. Logan was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, John L. Logan of Venice; a daughter, Mary Ann Ramsey of Granite City; two brothers, Joseph Lara of Chicago, and William Lara of Redlands, Calif.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Logan, whom she married in 1942 and who died March 27, 1997; her parents, Almo and Stephanie (Nino) Lara; one daughter, Marie A. Logan; three brothers, Alexander, Ned and David Lara; and three sisters, Reflesia Pineda, and Phyllis and Rebecca Lara.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Sunday, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City. There will be a wake service at 5 p.m. Sunday. Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2800 Waalken Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

### Michael Spach

Michael Spach, 77, of Granite City died at 11:12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in Mayville. He was born June 2, 1919, in Granite City.

Mr. Spach, a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired in 1976 from McDonnell-Douglas after 16 years as a template maker. He also worked seven years for A.C.F. Industry.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Koalick) Spach, whom he married March 22, 1982, in Edwardsville; one daughter, Barbara Fowler of Granite City; a sister, Carrie Spach of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Bridget (Meils) Spach; one son, Joseph Spach; one daughter, Kathy Spach; three brothers, Joseph, Steve, and John Spach; and a sister, Mary Milovich.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Mercer Chapel, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City, with the Rev. Francis Tebanunga officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

### Roger Wade

Roger L. Wade, 81, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, at his residence following a one-month illness. He was born Oct. 22, 1935, in Granite City.

Mr. Wade was self-employed as a commercial paint distributor, a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Collinsville and Masonic Temple Lodge 8835. He served as past master of Scottish Rite, past president of Almad Uniform unit and Director's staff; past director of Royal Order of Jesters Court 86; and past president of the Troy/Edwardsville Shrine Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane (Gillbert) Wade, whom he married April 13, 1957; his mother, Ella (Puffat) Wade; two sons, David L. Wade of Caseyville and Scott A. Wade of Midlothain, Va.; a brother, Rich F. Wade of Glen Carbon; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dawson L. Wade, and one brother, Michael Ray Hogan. Services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Bruce D. Osborne officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Mr. Frantzko retired in 1975 from Standard Oil Company in Wood River after 35 years as a maintenance coordinator. He was a member of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Madison.

Survivors include three brothers, Andrew and Vladimir Frantzko both of Granite City, and the Rev. Innocent Frantzko of Staten Island, N.Y.; and one sister, Olga Simurda of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Raymona (Carl) Frantzko, whom he married July 4, 1945, in Chioa Shea, Okla., and who died Feb. 2, 1994, in Granite City and was a lifetime resident.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. There will be a Parasite Service Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Thomas. Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 418 Ewing, Madison.

Memorials are suggested to Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Madison.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Joseph Hogan, and one brother, Michael Ray Hogan. Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Ralph Hays officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Vasil Frantzko, 82, of Granite City died at 7:25 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, at Colonades Nursing Home in Granite City. He was born April 1, 1914, in Granite City and was a lifetime resident.

Mr. Frantzko retired in 1975 from Standard Oil Company in Wood River after 35 years as a maintenance coordinator. He was a member of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Madison.

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## Milestones

Sylvia Townsend celebrates her 54th birthday today, Dec. 29.

Ruth (Pinnon) Smith celebrates her 66th birthday today, Dec. 29.

Theresa "Crick" Pashadag celebrates her 38th birthday today, Dec. 29.

Thelma Morelein celebrates her birthday today, Dec. 29.

Jack and Betty Podner celebrate their 56th anniversary today, Dec. 29.

Nathan E. Padgett will celebrate his 10th birthday Dec. 30.

Minnie Kamacho will celebrate her 56th birthday Dec. 31.

Irene Rainwater will celebrate her birthday Dec. 31.

Jessica Dawnhill will celebrate her 7th birthday Jan. 1.

Jim Reed will celebrate his 33rd birthday Jan. 1.

Katharine Nicole Anderson will celebrate her 3rd birthday

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Sarah Jessica McWhorter will celebrate her 12th birthday Jan. 2.

Rory and Denise Caldwell will celebrate their 4th anniversary Jan. 2.

Rich and Naomi Siedhoff will celebrate their 5th anniversary Jan. 2.

Agnes Gitcho Freeman will celebrate her 63rd birthday Jan. 2.

Gene Koehler will celebrate his 73rd birthday Jan. 2.

Catherine Kube will celebrate her birthday Jan. 2.

Lori D. O'Bear will celebrate her 18th birthday Jan. 2.

Charles "Mike" Foley will celebrate his 48th birthday Jan. 3.

Libby Wilson will celebrate her 54th birthday Jan. 3.


F. Dale O'Bear will celebrate his 58th birthday Jan. 3.

**Helping out** — Dennis Johansen and Luke Deck join Salvation Army volunteers Sandra Hardey, Dennis Heisner and Christina McNall, all left to right in photo above, package holiday care packages while working off community service time in lieu of fines with Madison County Probation and Court Services. Mark Hatscher, the authority's public service coordinator, said the organization has been helping out at the Salvation Army for the past six or seven years. This year more than 926 baskets were handed out at the Salvation Army and 250 more were adopted by other organizations. At right, Charles Malone unloads a truck at the Salvation Army while serving his community service time. Below right, Fred Weber directs traffic during his community service time.



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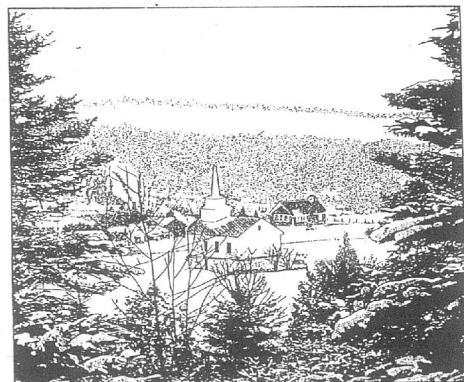
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Horoscope

**Sunday, Dec. 28**  
Take comfort. You are a functioning cog in the wheel of the universe. The last week of the year ends with a Virgo moon. The natural tendency to take inventory of your life will have an even stronger drive. Attention is on material possessions, assets and specific plans for the future. A sense of accomplishment as an individual can truly be felt.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Emotional security is very important. Stop allowing your current love to hurt you. Say no to salespeople.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you are certain that you did something correctly, do not apologize. Let others worry about problems.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Set limits and guidelines for children. Athletic activities or organized exercises make you feel terrific. Entertain tonight, and invite a Virgo.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Reveal more of yourself to your lover — this adds many new sparks to the relationship. Keep in touch with school friends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A stimulating atmosphere is vital as you want to change your ways. Finish holiday shopping today. Deciding to attend a future work-related social event is wise. A Libra insists on making you relax.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Your exuberance convinces a close friend to accompany you on a great adventure. Resist the urge to indulge in holiday-season sweets and you will be thankful. A physical challenge is presented.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). By joining a group, your power increases. Family pressures can be alleviated by realizing what you can and cannot do. Accept limitations, and enjoy life. Take emotional risks with your love.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Return borrowed goods. Express your artistic talents, as others are anxious to help and promote you. A child changes his or her mind — to your relief. A Gemini needs more attention. Give in to a childish whim.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are more popular than ever. Get closer to a potential love interest by expressing your feelings. Forget last-minute invitations. Phone call from a relative brings news of an upcoming visit. Someone knows your secret.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A loved one needs to make amends with you. Listen with an open mind. Friends want to share good luck and money with you.

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## Tips for responsible alcohol use

This story was written by Carol C. Schlitt, Cooperative Extension Service educator, nutrition and wellness.

It comes as no surprise that alcohol consumption is highest in December. Even the most occasional drinker is likely to raise at least one glass of cheer at a holiday gathering.

Here are some hints from hosts and guests alike for responsible alcohol consumption at home:

- Offer something nonalcoholic along with drink selections. Many people prefer them or like to switch after one drink.
- Always offer food containing fat or protein with drinks and keep them within easy reach of guests. Salty snacks alone, like chips and nuts, increase thirst and cause people to drink more.
- Use a jigger when pouring drinks. It is a favor to no one to be overly generous in pouring alcohol.
- Use a fruit base for an alcohol punch instead of soda. Carbonated beverages cause alcohol to be absorbed much faster.
- Consider placing the bar in a room separate from the party. This will slow the pace of refills.
- Never allow anyone to drive home drunk. Remember...if you give in, you may never see that friend again.

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## BAC classes conform to swing shift schedule

Anyone who has ever worked a swing shift knows that it is hard to plan your life when your work schedule rotates from days to evenings to nights every few weeks. People have trouble finding the time to sleep and eat, let alone have a social life or take college classes.

Belleville Area College has come up with a solution to at least one of these problems. In the spring, the Industrial Training Center of BAC's Granite City Campus will offer mirrored classes for swing-shift workers. In other words, the college will offer the same classes, once in the morning and one in the evening, so that swing shift workers can attend when their schedules permit.

According to Jim Moore, director of the ITC, the college will offer 15 industrial classes in the spring 1997 semester. Moore said the concept of mirrored classes has been around for several years; however, this is the first time BAC has tried it on a large scale.

The classes have been scheduled to best fit with the common schedules of shift work. Those working 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift can attend a class that meets once from 5:15 to 9:35 p.m. Anyone working the 3 to 11 p.m. shift or the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift can attend the class that meets from 8:30 to 12:50 p.m. once a week. "Some people get into a cycle of shift work and it may last for years," Moore said. "During this time they never have a chance to improve their education, so they can't improve their careers."

Mirrored classes will begin Jan. 13. The ITC will offer:

\*Industrial Math I and II in the morning on

Thursdays and in the evening on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

\*Electricity I in the morning on Monday and in the evening on Mondays and Tuesdays. A special Saturday only course is offered starting Jan. 11.

\*Electricity II in the morning on Thursdays and in the evening on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

\*Electrical Control Systems I in the morning on Thursdays and in the evening on Tuesdays.

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\*Blueprint Reading I in the morning and evening on Mondays.

\*Blueprint II in the morning and evenings on Wednesdays.

For more information, call Jim Moore at 797-1367.

## Meeting set for dairy producers

The University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service specialists have developed a series of one-day meetings for dairy producers.

The 1997 Illinois Dairy Days are designed to help dairy producers make the most of their resources and remain a productive part of the dairy industry.

"Meeting the Challenge" is the theme of the meetings planned throughout Illinois in January. Dates and locations for Southern Illinois programs include: Jan. 14, Jersey County Extension County office, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Jan. 15, St. Libory American Legion Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Jan. 16, Breese American Legion Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Jan. 17, Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Each meeting will feature three University of Illinois speakers and six topics. The morning program includes: "Extension Dairy Specialist Mike Hutjens discussing 'Solving the 1997 Feed Situation';" "Extension Dairy Veterinarian Dick Wallace, 'Production of Quality Milk Through Environmental Mastitis Control';" "Extension Dairy Educator Dave Fischer, 'Energy Impact on Manure Nutrient Management.'" Commercial booth displays will be available for viewing before the morning program and during lunch.

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The following officers and directors were installed: Bob Simon, president; Bobbie Bailey, vice president; Neva Lucas, secretary-treasurer; and Ray Kaegel, Brenda Phillips, Debbie Sanders, Jeanette Holder, Judine Lux and Janet Partney, directors.

Special awards were presented to the following local members of the board:

Lucinda Schmidt, 1996 Realtor of the year; Jim McCart of Leader Finance, 1996 affiliate of the year; and Lynn Reiger, 1996 most cooperative Realtor.

Special recognition was given to Fred Possick for his many years of service and dedication to Granite City in the real estate profession.

Presidential club awards for 1996 were presented to the following members: Cathy Busch, Rod Flood, Lynn Reiger, John Blasingame, Carolyn Blasingame, Cindy Sadler, Neva Lucas, Janet Partney, Christine Miller, Judine Lux, Jerry Besserman,

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Make absolutely certain to check the tree carefully when removing all the lights and glitter. This is especially true with a fresh-cut tree, which will ultimately be history. Small ornaments can be hidden and easily end up in the same place the tree does. And the precious ornament's loss won't be discovered for another year.

Carefully remove each string of lights from the tree. Take your time, especially if the strings were wound a tad too tight. Light strings can be damaged by repeated tugging.

Carefully coil up each string to prevent tangling. If you're thinking of putting them back into their original box, don't. It's not necessary, and besides, if you could do it, you'd deserve our heartfelt applause!

Ornaments are another matter: they can and should be returned to their original boxes. If the boxes aren't around, carefully wrap each one in newspaper or some other substance to protect it.

If you used a tree removal bag earlier, you're in luck. Simply pull the bag up and over the tree before removing the stand.

Didn't use a bag? You still can. Placing the bag over the tree from the top down can be done, but it'll require a little more effort.

Be careful when removing the tree from the stand. Remember, the stand's full of water, slightly dirty water at that, and you don't want it all over the carpet. An assistant is of great value here.

Haul out the vacuum before you do anything else, especially before you walk around in bare feet! There will be needles,

some visible, some not, all dry, most sharp. Do a thorough vacuuming job of the area and you won't find a needle the hard way.

So what do you do with the tree? We have some suggestions.

- Chip the branches and trunk for a great flower and garden mulch.
- Stand the tree up in the yard and create a great feeding place for the birds. Take it a step further and string popcorn on the tree or "care decorate" it with suet bells, orange slices, bird food, etc. You can be sure of listening to the sweet songs of birds from your yard.
- Strip branch tips and needles from the tree and use them to create fragrant sachets and potpourri.

You may just decide you'd like to simply dispose of the tree. Most communities have policies regarding tree pick-up; if you're in doubt, find out.

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**Madison Public Schools**  
Monday — No school.  
Tuesday — No school.  
Wednesday — No school.  
Thursday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Pizza, corn, peach.

**Venice Public Schools**  
Monday — No school.  
Tuesday — No school.  
Wednesday — No school.  
Thursday — Breakfast: Oatmeal; lunch: Barbecue pork on bread, corn, tossed salad, fruit.  
Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, fruit; lunch: Fish fillet, spaghetti, cole slaw, sliced bread.

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**Art Voellinger**

## CU's Russell tackles year in limelight

Want to stir up a good holiday discussion? Ask who is the best football player to ever come out of the southwestern Illinois area.

That would lead to determining who was best on a particular level, and who knows if an agreeable answer could be reached?

However, if you want to consider the current and the best, take time on Monday to watch Colorado University linebacker Matt Russell in the Holiday Bowl game against Washington at San Diego.

Already an All-Big 12 selection and a consensus All-America, the 6-foot-3, 265-pound Russell recently added the prestigious Butkus Award to his resume. He now stands to do nothing more than add to the bonus that will come his way via the National Football League draft.

In the Holiday Bowl, the former Belleville East three-sport athlete will up his ante with every tackle he makes.

Fourth in the balloting for the Butkus Award in 1998, Russell may have entered this season with more pressure on him than any other collegiate player. The preseason hype had national publications calling him the best at his position, with a feature in Sports Illustrated the preview of a coup de grace.

Throughout a 9-2 Colorado season, Russell became more than a target of opposing teams. He also had to catch the fancy of the pro scouts who watched his every move. Letting no one down, including himself, he moved within reach of the Buffaloes' all-time lead in tackles with performances like 16 tackles (12 solo), two sacks and two fumble recoveries against Nebraska.

More importantly, in the image of Butkus, Russell is termed by his linebackers coach as a player "who loves to run into and over people." If aligned with the right agent and selected by an NFL team with a sense of media manipulation, Russell could strike a financial fortune within a year.

Actively involved in charitable organizations in high school and college, he is sure to put his communications major to work—something pro agents starve for to place in contrast to the likes of basketball player Dennis Rodman.

An example of the respect for Russell's wit appeared in a recent Sports Illustrated issue, which quoted him regarding Colorado being an 18-point underdog to Nebraska. Said Russell: "I don't keep track of the odds. If I did, I would have gone to Boston College."

You do not have to be well read to appreciate Russell's reference to Boston College's gambling scandal, and, for that matter, you do not have to be well versed in football to appreciate Russell's ability—if you watch him Dec. 30 or in the NFL.

**QVETIME:** When Russell was a sophomore at East, retired Lancers athletic director Lloyd Elmore of Belleville sent info on Matt to the University of Missouri, where the Tigers' coaching staff, led by Bob Stull, showed no interest.

Current Missouri football coaches are well aware of that story and equally aware that Elmore played basketball and baseball at MU. A recent Missouri basketball loss to Iowa kept intact "A Last Time" in that the last time the Tigers defeated Iowa was in 1964 when Elmore and current coach Norm Stewart were teammates.

**FOOTNOTE:** In dropping Althoff from its football schedule, Alton High is entering what should be a

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## Simms' FTs lift Trojans past GCHS

**Madison edges Warriors in Collinsville tourney**
**By Brian L. Jones**  
**Correspondent**

Madison senior Demond Simms was shooting 79 percent from the free-throw line after two games in the 12th Annual Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic.

No need to guess which player Madison wanted at the line when victory was at stake in Friday's consolation quarterfinal game against Granite City. GCHS ultimately lost the thrilling battle of neighboring rivals, 65-64, in a game that remained a mystery until the final buzzer.

The teams traded the lead for most of the game. But the Warriors led 64-63 when Simms was fouled during a driving layup attempt and went to the free-throw line with 7.2 seconds left in the game.

"He's definitely our most consistent outside shooter on the team," Madison coach Al Collins said of Simms, who hit 8-of-11 free throws and scored 13 points in Thursday's 75-72 upset loss to Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin (3-5) in the first round.

"I'd rather have Simms here with the game on the line than anybody," Collins said. "My next choice would be Maurice Baker who's my team leader and best (field-goal) scorer in the clutch. But Simms is the first choice at

the line. It worked out perfectly for us."

Simms calmly sank the first free throw to tie the score. GCHS coach John Van Buskirk tried to freeze Simms by calling timeout before the second shot. But again, Simms was smooth as ice when he hit the second free throw for the one-point lead, forcing GCHS to take another timeout to set up a final play covering the full length of the court.

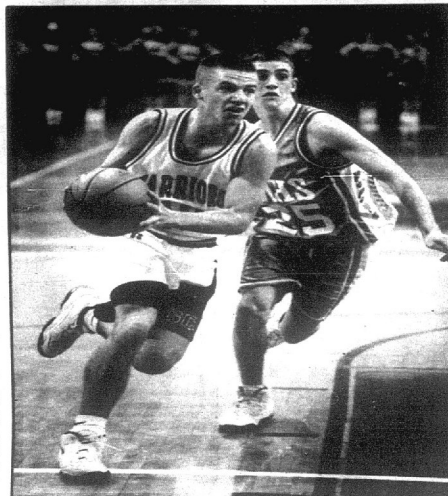
"It was designed for Kyle Briggs to go down and shoot it and everybody else was just going to crash the boards," said GCHS senior forward Ray Smith.

Describing the final play diagrammed by Van Buskirk, His Warriors nearly carried out the blueprint to perfection, only they didn't hit what could have been the winning basket. Briggs, indeed, dribbled the ball about 70 feet through traffic and fired up a 3-point shot with about three seconds remaining on the clock.

The ball clanked off the back of the rim, but GCHS center Jeff Hoenig had enough time to grab the rebound near the

**Smith**

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 (Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)  
 Venice High's Marcus Allen (33) leaps to make a block. Allen had 26 points in Friday's 73-61 win over Columbia.

## CM, Venice advance to semifinals

**By Karen Vartanian**  
**Staff writer**

Civic Memorial is making quite a first impression in the Freeburg-Columbia Holiday Tournament.

The eighth-seeded Eagles (6-4), who replaced Lovejoy in this year's field, advanced to play Venice in the semifinals Saturday by shocking No. 2 seed Gibault 52-45 Friday night.

Trailing 37-36 early in the fourth period, Civic Memorial erupted for a 9-0 run and a 45-37 advantage.

"I've said before, basketball is a game of runs, and we wanted the last run," said CM coach Randy Jackson, whose club opened tourney play with a 91-47 win over New Athens on Thursday. "We were undersized and did an adequate job on the boards. All the kids did a good job on the boards."

Gibault coach Dennis Rueter said his team was not ready to play.

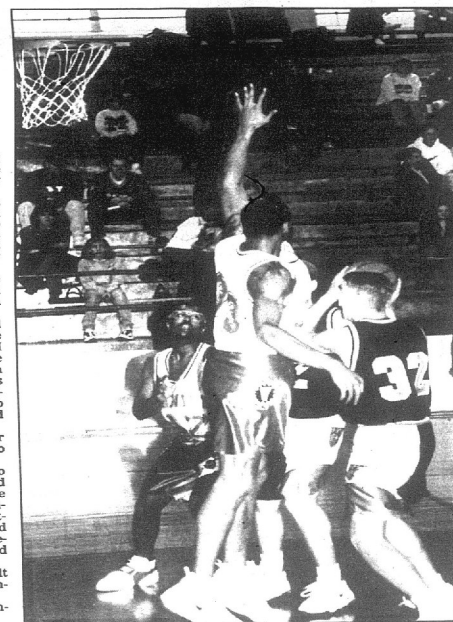
"We're not prepared to go to war every night like we used to be," said Rueter, whose team moved on to play Columbia in the loser's bracket Saturday. "And they did a good job coming in and were prepared to play. They played harder than we did."

Keith Kipping paced Gibault (6-1) with 14 points. Joe Thomason added 10 points.

Nick Stephens netted a team-high 13 points.

NO. 4 SEED Columbia was also hit by the upset bug Friday, as fifth-seeded Venice

(See VENICE, Page 48)


 (Staff photo by JOHN FRESH)  
 Mike Ahlvers drives. GCHS was eliminated from the Collinsville Tournament with Friday's loss to Madison.

## Warriors look to rebound from quick tourney exit

**By Brian L. Jones**  
**Correspondent**

The Granite City guards have proved they can score points on the basketball court.

Senior point guard Kyle Briggs netted 15 points and hit three 3-point jump shots in Friday's 65-64 loss to Madison (8-1) in the consolation quarterfinals of the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic.

Briggs and junior off-guard Mike Ahlvers combined for 15 points the night before in a 90-51 loss to third-seeded Peoria Central (7-2) in the first

round. Senior Ray Smith starts at forward, but he often played third guard in both games. Smith led the Warriors with 11 and 26 points, respectively.

Tournament opponents also learned that the Warriors are susceptible to turnovers. Without a healthy Tim Wallace, who started at off-guard for three games before spraining his ankle three weeks ago, the Warriors have had trouble dribbling through full-court pressure defenses.

"It makes a big difference with Tim Wallace there all the time because he gives us more ballhandling," said the 6-foot-4 Smith, who admits out-of-court dribbling is not one of his specialties. "He's been getting some work in once in a while at practice, but (the ankle) is still bothering him." (See WARRIORS, Page 38)

## Althoff outlasts West in Mascoutah quarterfinals

**By Scott Marion**  
**Staff writer**

The Althoff girls basketball team overcame a horrible first half to beat Belleville West 32-25 Friday in the quarterfinals of the Mascoutah Invitational.

The Crusaders, who trailed by 11 points at halftime after being shut out in the second quarter, advanced to Saturday's semifinals against defending Class A state champion Carlyle. The Lady Indians reached the final four with a 73-55 win over Okaville.

In the other semifinal, Belle-

ville East was scheduled to play Mater Dei. The Lancers advanced with a 60-43 win over Mount Vernon, while Mater Dei beat O'Fallon 40-26.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Althoff coach Jim Karwowski. "I don't think we've ever been in the semifinals before."

"I'm tickled to death with where we're at. We get to play a quality team and we get a trophy."

The Crusaders (6-4) trailed 17-6 at halftime after hitting only two of 20 shots from the field. In the second half

has played. He started last year for us, but it was kind of in a supporting role. I think he realized that this is his senior year and he had to step up and kind of take it over where (Mark) Nelson left off. He has done that. He's our inside guy, our big strong force.

"Every night he plays real hard and plays a good, tough 'D' for us. He is leading our team in scoring. He's leading our team in rebounding (7.9 per game). He's getting all these blue-chip rebounds. He has just surprised us with his ability to score."

Schoedel always knew Schlechte could lead the team. (See KNIGHTS, Page 38)

## Knights' Schlechte providing inside edge

**By Brian Bretsch**  
**Staff writer**

Matt Schlechte enjoys scoring ugly baskets.

The 6-foot-5 Metro East Lutheran senior has made a living this season out of collecting offensive rebounds and then kissing the ball off the glass from close range for easy buckets.

Schlechte—the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week—has done it to the tune of 16.3 points a game and is a major reason why the Knights have started the season at 9-1. He has hit 50 percent (62-of-123) of his 2-point field goals along with 60 per-


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cent (39-of-65) of his free-throw attempts.

"Probably half of them are garbage points, like when I get fouled and then hit the free throws," Schlechte said. "I've been working on getting the ball to the post and doing a couple of moves on the defenders. I like banging around. I like getting in there and getting a little rough."

Lutheran coach Dave Schoedel said Schlechte came to practice during the preseason and established himself as one of his teammates could count on.

"Matt has had an outstanding season," Schoedel said. "I guess the thing that has really impressed the coaching staff is the most is just how hard he

**Matt Schlechte**  
 Lutheran senior



# Stats 'n stuff

## Basketball

### Springfield SHQ 75, Madison 72

#### Collinsville-Schnucks Classic

##### Game 1

Springfield SHQ	Madison
1st 12-20	1st 12-20
2nd 12-20	2nd 12-20
3rd 12-20	3rd 12-20
4th 12-20	4th 12-20
5th 12-20	5th 12-20
6th 12-20	6th 12-20
7th 12-20	7th 12-20
8th 12-20	8th 12-20
9th 12-20	9th 12-20
10th 12-20	10th 12-20
11th 12-20	11th 12-20
12th 12-20	12th 12-20

### Madison 75, Springfield SHQ 72

#### Collinsville-Schnucks Classic

##### Game 2

Madison	Springfield SHQ
1st 12-20	1st 12-20
2nd 12-20	2nd 12-20
3rd 12-20	3rd 12-20
4th 12-20	4th 12-20
5th 12-20	5th 12-20
6th 12-20	6th 12-20
7th 12-20	7th 12-20
8th 12-20	8th 12-20
9th 12-20	9th 12-20
10th 12-20	10th 12-20
11th 12-20	11th 12-20
12th 12-20	12th 12-20

### Peoria 90, Granite City 51

#### Granite City

##### Game 3

Granite City	Peoria
1st 12-20	1st 12-20
2nd 12-20	2nd 12-20
3rd 12-20	3rd 12-20
4th 12-20	4th 12-20
5th 12-20	5th 12-20
6th 12-20	6th 12-20
7th 12-20	7th 12-20
8th 12-20	8th 12-20
9th 12-20	9th 12-20
10th 12-20	10th 12-20
11th 12-20	11th 12-20
12th 12-20	12th 12-20

### Bobby Anderson

#### Granite City

##### Game 1

Bobby Anderson	Granite City
1st 12-20	1st 12-20
2nd 12-20	2nd 12-20
3rd 12-20	3rd 12-20
4th 12-20	4th 12-20
5th 12-20	5th 12-20
6th 12-20	6th 12-20
7th 12-20	7th 12-20
8th 12-20	8th 12-20
9th 12-20	9th 12-20
10th 12-20	10th 12-20
11th 12-20	11th 12-20
12th 12-20	12th 12-20

### Quincy 56, O'Fallon 48

#### Quincy

##### Game 2

Quincy	O'Fallon
1st 12-20	1st 12-20
2nd 12-20	2nd 12-20
3rd 12-20	3rd 12-20
4th 12-20	4th 12-20
5th 12-20	5th 12-20
6th 12-20	6th 12-20
7th 12-20	7th 12-20
8th 12-20	8th 12-20
9th 12-20	9th 12-20
10th 12-20	10th 12-20
11th 12-20	11th 12-20
12th 12-20	12th 12-20

### Quincy 56, O'Fallon 48

#### Quincy

##### Game 3

Quincy	O'Fallon
1st 12-20	1st 12-20
2nd 12-20	2nd 12-20
3rd 12-20	3rd 12-20
4th 12-20	4th 12-20
5th 12-20	5th 12-20
6th 12-20	6th 12-20
7th 12-20	7th 12-20
8th 12-20	8th 12-20
9th 12-20	9th 12-20
10th 12-20	10th 12-20
11th 12-20	11th 12-20
12th 12-20	12th 12-20



Fussell's finest, a Granite City Park District softball team, took first place in the coed fall league this year. The team finished 11-1. Team members include (from row from left) Connie LaVelle, Cindy Horn, Patrick Ryan, Eva Horn and (standing) Cheryl Schoolfield, Connie Arbetter, Don Wyckoff, Joe Hall, Kathy Barron, Joe Barron, Rick Epperson, Garland Horn (manager), Maureen Hayes and Mike Lampson. Not pictured: Kevin Smith, Chip Upshaw.

## Prep basketball

### BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

#### December

##### 26-28 Collinsville Tournament

January	February
4 at Edwardsville.....7:45 p.m.	1 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.
10 Collinsville.....7:45 p.m.	7 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
14 East St. Louis.....7:45 p.m.	14 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
18 Centralia Shootout.....8:15 p.m.	18 Quincy.....6:15 p.m.
21-25 Belleville E. Invitational/TBA	21 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
31 Alton.....7:45 p.m.	28 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.

### BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

#### December

##### 26-28 Centralia Tournament

January	February
4 at Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	10 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.	11 Highland Shootout.....8:15 p.m.
14 at Collinsville.....7:45 p.m.	14 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 at Cahokia.....6:15 p.m.	18 at Madison.....6:15 p.m.
18 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.	24 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
21-25 Belleville E. Invitational/TBA	31 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.
31 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	

### COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS

#### December

##### 26-28 Collinsville Tournament

January	February
4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.	4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	10 Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
	17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
	18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
	22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA
	31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.

### EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

#### December

##### 26 Charleston Tournament

January	February
4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	10 Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.	18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA	22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA
31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.

### GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

#### December

##### 26-28 Collinsville Tournament

January	February
4 at Alton.....7:30 p.m.	4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
7 at O'Fallon.....7:30 p.m.	7 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Collinsville.....7:30 p.m.	11 at Civic Memorial.....6:15 p.m.
14 at East St. Louis.....7:30 p.m.	15 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West.....7:30 p.m.	
18-20 Highland Tournament.....TBA	
28 at ESL Lincoln.....7:30 p.m.	

### BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

#### December

##### 26-28 Mascoutah Tournament

January	February
4 at Alton.....7:30 p.m.	4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
7 at O'Fallon.....7:30 p.m.	7 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Collinsville.....7:30 p.m.	11 at Civic Memorial.....6:15 p.m.
14 at East St. Louis.....7:30 p.m.	15 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West.....7:30 p.m.	
18-20 Highland Tournament.....TBA	
28 at ESL Lincoln.....7:30 p.m.	

### COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS

#### December

##### 21-23 Visitation Tournament

January	February
10 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	4 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
14 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	7 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 at Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	10 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
18 at Jerseyville.....6:15 p.m.	14 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.
24 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	21 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
28 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.	28 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
29 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.	30 at Chicago Marshall.....3 p.m.

### EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

#### December

##### 26 Lutheran S. Tournament

January	February
4 Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	4 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
10 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	10 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
11 at Triad.....6:15 p.m.	11 at Triad.....6:15 p.m.

### BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

#### January

February	March
1 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.	1 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.
7 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	7 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
14 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.	14 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
18 Quincy.....6:15 p.m.	18 Quincy.....6:15 p.m.
21 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	21 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
28 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	28 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.

### EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS

#### December

##### 26-28 Centralia Tournament

January	February
4 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	10 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.
10 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	11 Highland Shootout.....8:15 p.m.
14 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	14 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
18 at Madison.....6:15 p.m.	18 at Madison.....6:15 p.m.
24 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.	24 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
31 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.	31 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.

### EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

#### December

##### 26 Charleston Tournament

January	February
4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	10 Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.	18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA	22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA
31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.

### GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

#### December

##### 26-28 Collinsville Tournament

January	February
4 at Alton.....7:30 p.m.	4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
7 at O'Fallon.....7:30 p.m.	7 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Collinsville.....7:30 p.m.	11 at Civic Memorial.....6:15 p.m.
14 at East St. Louis.....7:30 p.m.	15 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West.....7:30 p.m.	
18-20 Highland Tournament.....TBA	
28 at ESL Lincoln.....7:30 p.m.	

### BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

#### December

##### 26-28 Mascoutah Tournament

January	February
4 at Alton.....7:30 p.m.	4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
7 at O'Fallon.....7:30 p.m.	7 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Collinsville.....7:30 p.m.	11 at Civic Memorial.....6:15 p.m.
14 at East St. Louis.....7:30 p.m.	15 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West.....7:30 p.m.	
18-20 Highland Tournament.....TBA	
28 at ESL Lincoln.....7:30 p.m.	

### COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS

#### December

##### 21-23 Visitation Tournament

January	February
10 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	4 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
14 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	7 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 at Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	10 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
18 at Jerseyville.....6:15 p.m.	14 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.
24 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	21 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
28 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.	28 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
29 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.	30 at Chicago Marshall.....3 p.m.

### EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

#### December

##### 26 Lutheran S. Tournament

January	February
4 Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	4 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
10 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	10 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
11 at Triad.....6:15 p.m.	11 at Triad.....6:15 p.m.

### BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

#### January

February	March
1 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.	1 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.
7 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	7 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
14 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.	14 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
18 Quincy.....6:15 p.m.	18 Quincy.....6:15 p.m.
21 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	21 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
28 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	28 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.

### EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS

#### December

##### 26-28 Centralia Tournament

January	February
4 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	10 at Edwardsville.....6:15 p.m.
10 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	11 Highland Shootout.....8:15 p.m.
14 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	14 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
18 at Madison.....6:15 p.m.	18 at Madison.....6:15 p.m.
24 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.	24 at Alton.....6:15 p.m.
31 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.	31 at Collinsville.....6:15 p.m.

### EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

#### December

##### 26 Charleston Tournament

January	February
4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.	4 at Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.	10 Belleville West.....6:15 p.m.
17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.	17 at ESL Lincoln.....6:15 p.m.
18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.	18 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA	22-25 Salem Invitational.....TBA
31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.	31 Granite City.....6:15 p.m.

### GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

#### December

##### 26-28 Collinsville Tournament

January	February
4 at Alton.....7:30 p.m.	4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
7 at O'Fallon.....7:30 p.m.	7 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Collinsville.....7:30 p.m.	11 at Civic Memorial.....6:15 p.m.
14 at East St. Louis.....7:30 p.m.	15 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West.....7:30 p.m.	
18-20 Highland Tournament.....TBA	
28 at ESL Lincoln.....7:30 p.m.	

### BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

#### December

##### 26-28 Mascoutah Tournament

January	February
4 at Alton.....7:30 p.m.	4 Alton.....6:15 p.m.
7 at O'Fallon.....7:30 p.m.	7 at East St. Louis.....6:15 p.m.
10 at Collinsville.....7:30 p.m.	11 at Civic Memorial.....6:15 p.m.
14 at East St. Louis.....7:30 p.m.	15 Belleville East.....6:15 p.m.
17 Belleville West.....7:30 p.m.	
18-20 Highland Tournament.....TBA	
28 at ESL Lincoln.....7:30 p.m.	

### COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS

#### December



## Sports shorts

**Soccer registration**  
Open registration for the Granite City Soccer Club will be held every Tuesday and Thursday in January from 6 to 9 p.m. at the soccer complex concessions building, located at Illinois 3 and North Street. Registration is for boys and girls born 1983 through 1992.

Children born in 1993 may register for the instructional fun soccer camp. If interested, call 876-9000.

**"RJ" Krause All-Stars**  
The "RJ" Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is seeking basketball games and tournaments for boys and girls teams in grades 3-10. The club also needs sports equipment, uniforms, cheerleading outfits, used basketball shoes, sports magazines, books, games or trading cards. For more information, call Krause at 398-1201.

**Winter baseball camps**  
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**Globetrotters tour**  
The Harlem Globetrotters are kicking off their 1997 tour of basketball arenas around the country with a game Jan. 3 at the Kiel Center.

"Sweet" Lou Dunbar, the self-styled "clown prince of basketball," was in St. Louis over the weekend making a variety of personal appearances to promote the 1997 tour. Tickets for the Jan. 3 game, priced from \$25 to \$85, are available through the Kiel Center Box Office and at all Capital Tickets locations, or by calling Dialtix at (314) 968-1800.

Special 70th Anniversary commemorative seats are also available, and a \$2 discount is available for seniors age 55 and over and children age 12 and under. Discounts of \$3 are also available for groups of 20 or more by calling the Kiel Center Group Sales Department at (314) 622-9454. Complete event information is also available by calling (314) 622-KIEL.

## •Mascoutah

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though, they outscored West 26-3.

"We were a little apprehensive in the first half, but in the second half we decided to be more aggressive and it paid off," Karwowski said. "Our defense carried us, but it's been superb all year."

West (7-4) was playing without senior shooting guard Lindsay Rust and junior point guard Shanahan McLean.

"We were missing our ball-handler and our shooter, and that's a bad combination," said West coach Larry Betz. "In the first half, we played smart basketball, we worked hard and we played good defense. In the second half, we didn't rebound as well, we didn't play good defense and we didn't play nearly as smart."

O'Fallon, meanwhile, trailed Mater Dei 19-14 at halftime. But the Panthers (9-2) missed their first 15 shots from the field in the second half and scored only two points in the third quarter.

"They contested every shot we took," said O'Fallon coach Doug Haas, whose team lost 33-29 to Mater Dei on Dec. 17. "They did a very good job defensively and we couldn't overcome it. We took better

care of the ball the last time we played them."

Their big girls are much more physical than ours. They take the ball to the basket very aggressively."

A strong second half lifted Belleville East (9-1) past Mount Vernon (9-3). The Lancers led 23-22 at halftime thanks to 15 points from junior center Jessica Jackson, but an 11-0 run led by senior guard Natalie Bennett made the score 34-22. Mount Vernon got within three points at the end of the third quarter, but three consecutive baskets by Jackson made the score 45-36.

Jackson scored 13 of her 29 points in the fourth quarter. Bennett added 14 points.

"Natalie started making some shots and it opened things up for us," said East coach Paul James. "It was a good team effort. With Jessica, you're never going to shut her down."

"I thought our kids really picked it up defensively in the second half. We also did a good job of rebounding." Winners in the consolation quarterfinals were Jerseyville (74-44 over Centralia), Highland (69-38 over Granite City), Nashville (57-56 over Mascoutah) and Wesclin (49-41 over Triad).

## •Warriors

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That's why he's still not getting a lot of minutes since he came back."

Wallace was the sixth man in both tournament games, but only because he was the first to enter off the bench. He actually played fewer than 10 total minutes in both games and was hardly noticeable against Peoria. He went scoreless with only one assist and one shot attempt against the Lions.

Wallace was more active against Madison, recording three assists and one steal, but he took only three shots and made one for two points. Beyond Briggs and Ahlvers, Wallace was the only natural guard who saw any action against Madison.

Freshman Zach May and juniors Steve Graham and Brian Kamaudski got some minutes against Peoria, but they made only late appearances because of the blowout score. GCHS had 23 turnovers against Peoria and 16 giveaways against Madison.

"We just made too many mistakes in the tournament," Smith said. "We didn't play as well as we should have. We're going to have to work a lot harder in practice, because we know we can play better than this."

Look for coach John Van Buskirk to emphasize ball-handling drills as the Warriors prepare to open the second half of the season Jan. 4 against visiting Belleville West. The one-week layoff should help Wallace back into the starting lineup by

then. The Warriors are 3-6 overall, with four losses in their last six games, and only 1-3 in the Southwestern Conference.

A two-and-out elimination was hardly what they expected at Collinsville. The Warriors reached the consolation finals last year and seemed confident they were bringing back a better team.

Peoria and Madison were the respective Nos. 3 and 5 seeds of the tournament, so the Warriors had a tough road to travel. But they don't accept the idea of losing to teams they weren't "supposed" to beat.

"We all have to make up our minds that we're going to start playing better," Smith said. "I'm the first one to admit that I need to improve my game. I think we need to work on our shooting, too."

Smith usually leads the Warriors in steals as the point man of the 1-2-3 full-court press. He had only one steal in the tournament. However, the defense against Madison was an encouraging sign. GCHS forced 17 Madison turnovers, including nine in the first quarter.

The Warriors also outrebounded Madison and had just two fewer rebounds than Peoria. All three teams are comparable in size.

Junior forward Dustin Brewer paced GCHS with six rebounds against Peoria. But he fouled out of the Madison game with 3:24 left after tallying only nine points and two rebounds. Junior left forward Boenig was held to a combined seven points over two games.

## •Knights

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season the Knights had the one-two scoring punch of Nelson (20.7 ppg) and Gary Spiller (22.4 ppg). Schlechte wasn't counted on to light up the scoreboard. He was counted on to crash the boards, which he did a year ago, averaging 6.7 a game.

"The potential was always there," Schoedel said. "I think he just felt with Mark graduating that he just had to step it up and make up for 20 points a game on the inside. He has done that. He has really done his role for the team."

Schlechte should adopt the phrase "anything for the team" as his slogan this year. "I knew I had to pick it up because I am the biggest guy on the team," Schlechte said. "I am a team leader. I just

knew myself and (Jon) Sprengel would have to step up this season."

With that meant the added attention of opposing defenses. Schlechte is used to seeing the double teams that he watched Spiller contend with a year ago.

"I knew this was my year. I worked hard this summer to play this year," Schlechte said. "I knew this year I would get double teamed as the biggest guy on the team."

And that hard work has paid off in a big way for Schlechte and his teammates. Each week one prep varsity athlete will be selected by the Journal sports staff as the Ill. Athlete of the Week. Selected athletes will be featured in newspapers throughout the (Journals' coverage area.)

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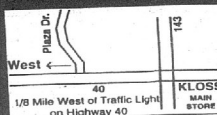
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## SPORTS

## •Venice

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rolled past the Eagles 73-61. With the score tied 40-40 after three quarters, the Red Devils (6-1) outscored Columbia 33-21 in the decisive fourth period.

Two 3-pointers apiece from Kevin Roberts (13 points) and Don Mathews (eight points) ignited Venice's surge.

"Everybody was concentrating on Roberts and Marcus (Allen)," said Red Devils coach Clinton Harris, whose team defeated Marissa 60-44 Thursday. "(Mathews) was open, spotted up and shot it."

Allen was a force inside, pouring in a team-high 26 points. Defensively, the CBC transfer forced Columbia's sharpshooters to alter their shots.

"He had to get used to how the referees were making the calls and seeing different defenses," Harris said. "He played a lot better tonight."

Turnovers and cold shooting were Columbia's downfall. The Eagles (6-2, 3-0 Cahokia Conference) committed 24 miscues and shot just 41 percent.

"We were disappointed in our turnovers," Columbia coach Darrell Burd said. "You can't turn the ball over against a good team like Venice. And they're the best team we've seen this year."

Sixth-seeded Waterloo was the third straight Monroe County team to lose Friday night, falling to No. 3-seeded Piassa Southwestern 65-51.

A 13-0 run by the Birds (9-0) midway through the second

quarter doomed Waterloo (4-4, 3-1).

With the Bulldogs trailing just 18-14 at the 7:07 mark, Kevin Augustine was whistled for both a personal and technical foul.

Nathan Watts (11 points) and John Delong each canned two free throws, and following Watts' 3-pointer off the inbound, the Birds had extended their lead from four points to 11 in 15 seconds.

"That was a big momentum swing for them," Waterloo coach Scott Williams said. "Psychologically, that hurt our kids a little bit."

When the smoke cleared, Southwestern had assumed a 37-18 halftime advantage.

Near-flawless foul shooting also aided the Birds' first-half dominance. Southwestern — playing without starter Bryan Hagen, who was out with an illness — nailed 20 of 22 free throws (91 percent).

"That's one thing we put a lot of emphasis on in practice, is our free throws," said Southwestern coach Steve Woolley, whose team whipped Lebanon 81-40 Thursday. "They stepped up there and knocked them down."

The Birds were a more modest 8-for-11 (73 percent) in the second half.

Delong and Rob Macropoulos were solid for Southwestern, registering 24 and 21 points, respectively.

The Bulldogs, a 54-38 winner over Bayless (Mo.) Thursday, tried making it interesting after intermission, closing within 58-48 on Doug Ludwig's trey with 3:02 left.

But the Birds held Waterloo at bay.

"I thought we had an excellent second half," Williams said. "I thought we played three really good quarters. The second quarter just got away from us."

Southwestern battled the Freeburg-Red Bud winner Saturday. Waterloo took on the loser.

## •Art

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popular geographic contest in taking on Jerseyville...If the IHSA continues to discriminate against private schools in football, I'd like to see Althoff and Mater Dei of Brescia play one another.

**EXTRA INNINGS:** The Colorado Rockies continue to pursue baseball talent from the southwestern Illinois area. Joining first baseman-outfielder Forry Wells (Belleville East) and pitcher Dean Bruggemann (Freeburg) in the Rockies' organization is left-handed pitcher Tom Price of Edwardsville.

A record breaker at Notre Dame, Price reached Class AA San Antonio of the Texas League with the Dodgers but was drafted recently by Colorado. Apparently Tom will start his fourth pro season at Class AAA Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League.



Kevin Roberts makes a lunge to defend a shot by Marissa's Todd Hollowell.

## •Trojans

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right side of the lane and tap the ball in one motion to Smith, who was standing almost directly under the basket. Smith tried to rush up an off-balance shot, but lobbed the ball off the bottom of the rim as time expired.

"I thought the buzzer was going to go off, so I really didn't have time to measure the shot," Smith said. "I just grabbed it and threw it up without really getting a good look at the basket."

The fifth-seeded Trojans (9-1) celebrated wildly both on the court and in the locker room after the game. They survived elimination and advanced to the consolation semifinals Saturday against second-seeded Jacksonville.

A dejected GCHS team, eliminated from the tournament at 0-2, bolted Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium less than 15 minutes after the game. Van Buskirk could not be reached later for comment.

The Warriors (3-6) led 25-18 after one quarter and 39-37 at halftime. The score was tied at 48-48 by the end of the third quarter. It seemed only fitting that former Madison coach Larry Graham was in the stands watching the up-tempo game. The intensity level brought back memories of what used to be a heated regular-season rivalry, especially during his coaching days in the 1970s and early 1980s.

"We knew if we lost this one, we'd have to go back home and hear about it," Collins said. "It's just like when we play Venice. Venice is the biggest rival and Granite City being near would be the next one."

Simmons led a balanced Madison scoring attack with 18 points, including two 3-point baskets. Baker hit three 3-pointers and scored 13 points, while adding six assists. Center Tywansley Patten tallied 17 points and two steals and power forward Kevin Bradley added 10 points and five rebounds.

Collins was relieved to still be playing, but slightly disappointed in his team's overall performance after two games. The Trojans had more turnovers than their opponent both times, committing 15 against Sacred Heart-Griffin and 17 against Granite City.

Bradley and Patten both scored 16 points Thursday against Sacred Heart-Griffin, which got 26 points from senior guard Brad Svoboda. The Cyclones jumped out to a 26-18 lead after one quarter and fought off Madison the rest of the way.

Against Granite City, Madison had nine turnovers in the first quarter.

"We should be 2-0 and going into the (winner's bracket) semifinals," Collins insisted.

"I know what our abilities are and we have not played up to that level in this tournament. I told the kids I'm not happy

with the mental mistakes we've been making. I hope we play better against Jacksonville."

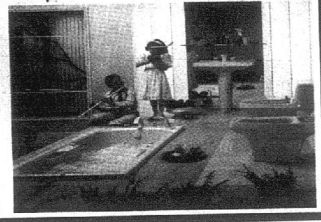
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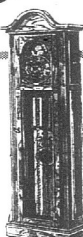
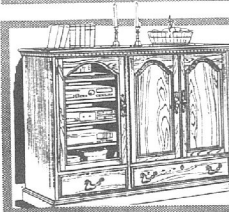
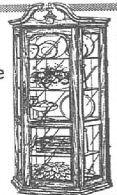
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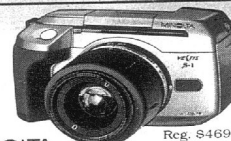
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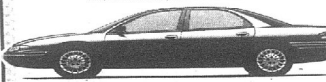
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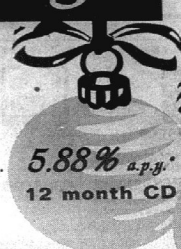
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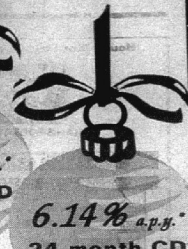
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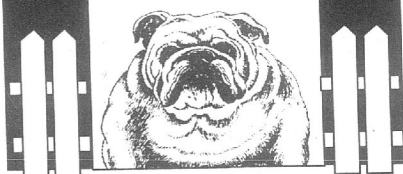
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